

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended): The ~~adhesive film according to Claim 1~~ method according to claim 6, wherein the polyimide film satisfies relationship  $-15 \leq \theta \leq 15$  ~~is satisfied~~ at any position in the width direction (TD direction) of the film, wherein  $\theta(^{\circ})$  is the angle of molecular orientation axis to the MD direction of the polyimide film.
3. (Currently Amended): The ~~adhesive film according to Claim 1~~ method according to claim 6, wherein the polyimide film satisfies relationships  $2 \leq \alpha_1 \leq 10$ ,  $13 \leq \alpha_2 \leq 25$ , and  $20 \leq (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \leq 40$  ~~are satisfied~~, wherein  $\alpha_1$  (ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C) is the coefficient of linear expansion (200 $^{\circ}$ C to 300 $^{\circ}$ C) of the polyimide film in the MD direction, and  $\alpha_2$  (ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C) is the coefficient of linear expansion (200 $^{\circ}$ C to 300 $^{\circ}$ C) of the polyimide film in the TD direction.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended): The ~~flexible metal-clad laminate according to Claim 4,~~ wherein method according to claim 6, said method being a method for producing such a flexible

metal-clad laminate that ~~[[the]]~~ a total of ~~[[the]]~~ a rate of change in dimensions before and after ~~[[the]]~~ removal of the metal foil and ~~[[the]]~~ a ratio of change in dimensions before and after heating the flexible metal-clad laminate from which the metal foil has been removed at 250°C for 30 minutes is in a range of -0.06% to +0.06% both in the MD direction and in the TD direction.

6. (Currently Amended): A method for producing ~~[[an]]~~ a flexible metal-clad laminate,  
the method comprising laminating a metal foil to an adhesive film with a thermal roll laminator  
including at least one pair of metal rollers, the adhesive film including a polyimide film and an  
adhesive layer containing a thermoplastic polyimide, the adhesive layer being disposed on at  
least one surface of the polyimide film, the method comprising forming the polyimide film by a  
process comprising:

step (A) of casting and applying a solution containing a polyamic acid onto a support to  
form a gel film;

step (B) of stripping off the gel film and fixing both ends of the gel film; and

step (C) of heating and transporting the film with both ends being fixed,

wherein in at least a portion of step (C), the film is transported in a state loosened in the  
TD direction such that a distance between from one fixed end to a second fixed end of said both  
ends of gel film is smaller than a width of the film.

7-9. (Cancelled)

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10. (New): The method according to claim 6, wherein the loosened state is achieved before the film is heated and transported.